Model Farmer Scheme

2684. SHRI DATTATRAYA BAHDARU:
SHRIMATI MAHENDRA KUMARI:
SHRI CHETAN P.S. CHAUHAN:
SHRI ANNA JOSHI:
SHRI CHITTA BASU:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have finalised the Model Farmer Scheme as suggested by the Bhanu Pratap Singh Committee;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which the scheme is proposed to be launched; and

(d) the decision taken on other recommendations of the Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (d). The recommendations of the Committe are being examined in depth in consulation with otherconcerned Ministries/Departments of Governemnt of India.

Espionage by Pakistani Nationls

2685. SHRI DATTARTRAYA BANDARU:
SHRI BALRAJ PASSI:
SHRIMATI MAHENDRA KUMARI:
SHRI ANNA JOSHI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of espionage by Pakistani nationals which came to notice during the last six months;

(b) the numberr of persons arrested in this connection; and

(c) the action taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS: (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (c). The requisite information is being collected and will e laid on the Table of the House.

National Seeds Corporation

2686. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tata Consultancy Services appointed by the Government to go into the working of the National Seeds Corporation has submitted its final recommendations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the follow-up action taken thereon; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to fill up the back log of reserved vacancies for SCs/STs in all the categories in this Corporation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The major recommendations of the study report relate to:

(i) increased production and marketing;

(ii) revision in product mix.

(iii) adjustinjg staff levels to match the revised production and marketing activities;